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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting reconsideration of the decision mailed August 6, 2008.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unavoidable. The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Petitioner's request to expunge the record has been considered. Given the facts and circumstances of this case, the request is **GRANTED** in accordance with 37 CFR 1.182. Petitioner's information submitted as exhibits A-C and E are hereby expunged from the record. These exhibits are being returned to petitioner and petitioner is cautioned to maintain a copy of the exhibits for the enforceable lifetime of the patent.

In accordance with the authorization given via telephone on May 1, 2009, fees have been charged to petitioner's credit card in the amount of \$7,700.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Anthony Knight at (571) 272-3687. The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

Charles Pearson
Director
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Enclosures: Exhibits A-C and E